

[English]

Closure of Indian School of Mines

5573. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad has been closed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken to reopen the said institution ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) No, Sir. However, in response to strike notice dated 7.4.96 given by the General Secretary, ISM Students Society, all the academic activities of the School, including the Winter Semester Examination, 1995-96 and Summer Training Programme of B. Tech./M.Sc. Tech. Classes were suspended sine-die with effect from 7.4.96. Subsequently, the above sine-die suspension notice was withdrawn on 11.4.96.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Bekal Project

5574. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for the promotion of tourism at Bekal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to provide financial assistance to the State Government for the speedy work and completion of 'Bekal Project' in Kasaragod, the northern most district of Kerala;

(d) the extent to which the Union Government propose to provide further financial assistance to the State Government to give a boost to the tourism industry; and

(e) the progress made in promoting the Bekal Fort in Cannanore as a tourist centre alongwith the financial assistance provided to Kerala by the Union Government so far for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA):
(a) to (e) Bekal in Kasaragod District has been declared

a Special Tourism Area for Integrated Development. In view of the importance of the project, Government of India provided Rs. 1.90 crores during 1991-92 for the project. The Government of Kerala has also sanctioned Rs. 2.65 crores for the project and has constituted Bekal Resort Development Corporation Ltd. for the Integrated Development of the Bekal area. Bekal Fort is part of the Bekal Tourism Project

Fake NGO's in Orissa

5575. SHRI ANCHAL DAS :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received information about some fake organisations who have been receiving financial aid/grants from his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have conducted any enquiry about the resource mobilisation methods from domestic grants and foreign donations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the criteria adopted for allocation of funds to those Non-Government Organisations;

(f) the number of fake organisations in Uttar Pradesh and Orissa; and

(g) the action being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (b) and (f) to (g) : Based on authentic information and complaints regarding organisations functioning in the State including Orissa and Uttar Pradesh, inspections and investigations are carried out by the officers of the State Govts. and the Government of India. Whenever it is found out that any organisation has misused/misutilised funds or violated the norms and criteria laid down in the schemes, grants are stopped to them.

(c) and (d) The Union Government as well as the State Governments and UTs do periodic inspections in regard to the functioning of the grants received from the Government and the foreign donations. No separate enquiry has been carried out about their resource mobilisation methods, etc.

(e) The grants are sanctioned to the Non-Governmental organisations on the basis of the norms and criteria laid down in various schemes of the Ministry.